



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as shown below. An enclosed Appendix includes a version with markings to show changes made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**This set of claims is a clean set of pending claims 16-23 and 25-27, consolidating any previous versions of pending claims into this single clean version, with changes made in this response being shown in the Appendix.**

- 1 16. (Amended) A local router comprising:  
2 network communications means which can connect to a communications network and has a  
3 plurality of IP addresses representing a plurality of locations on the network and which  
4 responds to a communications message addressed to any of the plurality of IP addresses;  
5 and

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